Annual Report of Medical Officer H.U.D.C. for 1898.

The Urban District of Horfield comprises the Area unabsorbed by the City of Bristol under the Boundaries Act of 1897.
The population is estimated at 1000, & the Acreage at 946.

The District which is partly Urban & partly Rural receives an exceptionally pure water-supply from the Bristol Water Works.

Sewerage - The sewage of the more modern & Urban part of the District is dealt with by precipitation & filtration at the Sewage Works situated at Ashley Down.
The Rural portion, comprising 14 isolated Cottages & farmhouses depends for its excrement disposal on cesspits.

Provision for Isolation of Infectious Cases -
There is no Hospital in the District, & no provision at present exists for the Accomodation of infectious Cases. Previous to the absorption of the larger part of the District by Bristol an arrangement was made with Barton Regis to receive cases of Scarlet-Fever & Small-pox, but the present Council have not sanctioned such arrangement though the matter will be again brought before them.

Mortality - The deaths numbered 14, representing a death-rate of 14 per 1000 per Annum, at following ages & causes -
1 death under 1 month from premature birth & debility
2 " under 6 months from Convulsions & debility
1 death at 69 years from Bronchitis
3 deaths at ages of 43 yrs, 53 yrs & 57 years from Heart disease
1 death at 92 years from Senile decay.

Thus, 50% of the deaths were of Babies under 1 month.
There was no death from Violence, no uncertified death & no inquest was held.

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Zymotic disease - One case of Scarlet-fever occurred, & this is the only case of Infectious disease notified during the year.

Births - 49 births were registered, giving a rate of 49 per 1000 per annum.

General Health.

The general health of the District has been most satisfactory. During January & February the District, in common with adjacent parishes, suffered from an Epidemic of Measles (this is not notifiable), but no death resulted.

In the late Summer, Epidemic diarrhoea was prevalent of a very virulent type, but happily was unattended with fatal results. In those cases which came under my own treatment I believe the cause to have been the use of unboiled milk.

During the year every house in the District has been officially inspected, & 15 nuisances have been abated by means of notices served without resorting to legal proceedings.

No noxious trades are carried on, & no nuisances, under this head have required attention.

There are no bake-houses in the District.

There are 10 Dairies registered in the District. These were personally visited during August. I found them clean, well-ventilated & lighted, rooms & with one exception supplied by Water from the Bristol Water Company. In this instance the Water was derived from a well far removed from possible contamination.

On my recommendation the Council sanctioned the verification of cases of Diphtheria notified as occurring in the District, by a bacteriological Examination.

Progress - During the year of 1898, 38 new houses have been erected under the Superintendence of Surveyor, in accordance with byelaws approved by your Board.

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(M.O.H.)